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the mail date of a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance. Under 1.97(c), either a statement under 1.97(e) or a fee of \$180 must accompany the IDS. Applicants included a statement under 1.97(e) with the IDS. Therefore, the \$180 fee charge to the deposit account was incorrect.

Applicants therefore respectfully request a refund in the **total amount of \$180**, which reflects the aforementioned filing fee. We request that \$180.00 be credited to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A copy of our monthly deposit account statement and a copy of the November 14, 2005 IDS cover letter are enclosed.

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- (a) a statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e); or
- (b) the \$180.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO-1449 (Information Disclosure Citation) together with copies of patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Applicant(s) respectfully submit that the citation of any reference on Form PTO-1449 does not constitute an admission that the reference qualifies as prior art.

It is requested that the information disclosed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

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